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2012 School Health Profiles Report Background

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) assists state and local education and health agencies in monitoring and assessing characteristics of school health education; physical education; school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS, tobacco-use prevention, and nutrition; asthma management activities; and family and community involvement in school health programs. Data from Profiles can be used to improve school health programs.

Two questionnaires are used to collect data - one for school principals and one for lead health education teachers. The two questionnaires were mailed to 370 regular public secondary schools containing any of grades 6 through 12 in Tennessee during spring 2012. One or both questionnaires were received from 79% of eligible sampled schools. Usable questionnaires were received from principals in 78% of schools and from lead health education teachers in 78% of schools. Because the response rates for these surveys were greater than or equal to 70%, the results are weighted and are representative of all regular public secondary schools in Tennessee having at least one of grades 6 through 12. Results from the principal and lead health education teacher surveys are presented for the following types of schools in Tennessee:

- High schools with a low grade of 9 or higher and a high grade of 10 or higher;
- Middle schools with a high grade of 9 or lower;
- Junior/senior high schools with a low grade of 8 or lower and a high grade of 10 or higher; and
- All schools.

The Profiles questionnaires were developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with representatives of state, local, and territorial departments of health and education.